

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3908, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WELDON OF PENNSYLVANIA

Page 80, after line 11, insert the following new sections:

1 SEC. 5109. For an additional amount for the Sec-
2 retary of Agriculture for carrying out section 306(a)(14)
3 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
4 U.S.C. 1926(a)(14)), \$10,000,000, to remain available
5 until expended.

6 SEC. 5110. (a) For an additional amount for carrying
7 out this section, \$10,000,000, to remain available until ex-
8 pended.

9 (b) The Director of the Federal Emergency Manage-
10 ment Agency shall establish an office in the Agency to es-
11 tablish specific criteria of grant recipients and to admin-
12 ister grants under this section.

13 (c) The Director may make grants, on a competitive
14 basis, to safety organizations that have experience in con-
15 ducting burn safety programs for the purpose of assisting
16 those organizations in conducting burn prevention pro-
17 grams or augmenting existing burn prevention programs.

18 (d) The Director may make grants, on a competitive
19 basis, to hospitals that serve as regional burn centers to
20 conduct acute burn care research.

1 (e) The Director may make grants, on a competitive
2 basis, to governmental and nongovernmental entities to
3 provide after-burn treatment and counseling to individuals
4 that are burn victims.

5 SEC. 5111. (a) For an additional amount for carrying
6 out this section, \$80,000,000, to remain available until ex-
7 pended.

8 (b) The Director of the Federal Emergency Manage-
9 ment Agency shall establish a program to award grants
10 to volunteer, paid, and combined departments that provide
11 fire and emergency medical services.

12 (c) Grants awarded under this section may be used—

13 (1) to acquire personal protective equipment re-
14 quired for firefighting personnel by the Occupational
15 Safety and Health Administration, and other per-
16 sonal protective equipment for firefighting personnel;

17 (2) to acquire additional firefighting equipment,
18 including equipment for communication and moni-
19 toring;

20 (3) to establish wellness and fitness programs
21 for firefighting personnel to reduce the number of
22 injuries and deaths related to health and condi-
23 tioning problems;

24 (4) to promote professional development of fire
25 code enforcement personnel;

1 (5) to integrate computer technology to improve
2 records management and training capabilities;

3 (6) to train firefighting personnel in fire-
4 fighting, emergency response, and arson prevention
5 and detection;

6 (7) to enforce fire codes;

7 (8) to fund fire prevention programs and public
8 education programs about arson prevention and de-
9 tection, and juvenile fire setter intervention; and

10 (9) to modify fire stations, fire training facili-
11 ties, and other facilities to protect the health and
12 safety of firefighting personnel.

13 (d) Applications for grants under this section shall
14 include—

15 (1) a demonstration of financial need;

16 (2) evidence of a commitment for at least an
17 equal amount as the amount of the grant sought, to
18 be provided by non-Federal sources;

19 (3) a cost benefit analysis linking the funds to
20 improvements in public safety; and

21 (4) a commitment to provide information to the
22 National Fire Incident Reporting System for the pe-
23 riod for which the grant is received.

1 (e) Grant recipients under this section shall be sub-
2 ject to audits to ensure that the funds are spent for their
3 intended purposes.

4 SEC. 5112. (a) Section 105(a) of the Housing and
5 Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
6 5305(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (23), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (23) the fol-
10 lowing new paragraph:

11 “(24) provision of assistance to local fire fight-
12 ing, emergency medical, or rescue services for—

13 “(A) acquisition, repair, or rehabilitation
14 of equipment (including any accessory, commu-
15 nications, or protective equipment) or vehicles
16 for fire fighting, emergency medical, or rescue
17 services,

18 “(B) construction, acquisition, rehabilita-
19 tion, or improvement of facilities for local fire
20 fighting, emergency medical, or rescue services,
21 or

22 “(C) training or planning involved in pro-
23 viding fire fighting, emergency medical, or res-
24 cue services; and”.

1 (b) Section 105(c) of the Housing and Community
2 Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(c)) is amended
3 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

4 “(5) An assisted activity described in subsection
5 (a)(24) shall be considered to benefit persons of low and
6 moderate income if the service provides such services to
7 all persons in the geographical area served, including any
8 low and moderate income persons.”.